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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Tuesday. 28 November 2000*

**SECURITY COUNCIL**

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| 10 a.m. | consultations of the whole (closed) | Consultation Room |
| | Guinea-Bissau | |
| | Other matters | |
| 11 a.m. | 4236th meeting | Security Council Chamber |
| 1. | Adoption of the agenda | |
| 2. | The situation in East Timor | |
| 3 p.m. | 4237th meeting | Security Council Chamber |
| 1. | Adoption of the agenda | |
| 2. | The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo | |

UNITED NATIONS MONITORING, VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION COMMISSION (UNMOVIC)

*Third plenary session*

| | | |
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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-fifth session*

10 a.m. 73rd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Assistance in mine action [47]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/542)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.44/Rev.1)

### Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (United Nations pension system (A/55/9, A/C.5/55/3 and A/55/481))

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|---|---|---|
| 3 p.m.*-6.30 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 3 |

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11 and Corr.1))

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| 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (United Nations common system (A/55/30, A/54/483 and A/55/526))

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* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

*Sixth session*

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 6 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 6 |

Informal consultations on crime of aggression

WORKING GROUP ON FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RULES

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|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | | Conference Room 1 |
| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | | Conference Room 1 |

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

*Subjects*

1. Draft reports
2. Security arrangements at the United Nations Office at Geneva
3. Executive session on safety and security of United Nations personnel

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

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SECOND COMMITTEE

*Today*, 28 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

*Conference Room B*: A/C.2/55/L.12 (item 94 (e)) and A/C.2/55/L.13 (item 94 (e)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99), from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

*Conference Room 9*: A/C.2/55/L.32 (item 93 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

*Conference Room A*: A/C.2/55/L.21 (item 95 (d)) and A/C.2/55/L.30 (item 95 (d)) from 10.15 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

*Conference Room E*: A/C.2/55/L.28 (item 92 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.17 (item 95 (a)), from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

*Conference Room S-2963D*: A/C.2/55/L.4 (item 94 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

## Announcement

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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*Tuesday, 28 November 2000*

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

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| 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 9.15 a.m.- 10.15 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room E |

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP
*(on candidatures)*

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| 9.30 a.m.- 10.15 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(A/C.2/55/L.29 and L.4)*

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|---|---|---|
| 1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |

GROUP OF 77
*(on Fifth Committee matters)*

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|---|---|---|
| 2 p.m.- 2.45 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(on climate change: A/C.2/55/L.23)*

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| 2 p.m.- 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room C |

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

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| 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 2 |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(on agenda item 100 (Globalization and interdependence): A/C.2/55/L.36)*

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| 4 p.m.- 5.45 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 2 |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(on agenda item 173 (Towards global partnerships))*

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| 6 p.m.- 10 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
*(on environmental issues)*

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| 6 p.m.- 10 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference room to be announced |

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**United Nations Institute for Training and Research**

ANNUAL BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |
| 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |

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There will be a meeting of the United Nations Volunteers *today*, 28 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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**Informal consultations**

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), organized by the delegation of France on behalf of the European Union, will take place *today*, 28 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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**Announcement**

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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**Announcement**

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/netherlands.

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**Announcement**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

# FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Wednesday, 29 November 2000*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-fifth session*

10 a.m. 74th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [38]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/476)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.39)

2. Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women [17 (i)]

3. Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/55/L.43) [33]

4. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the special session of the General Assembly in this regard: draft resolution (A/55/L.40) [37]

5. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order: draft resolution (A/55/L.15/Rev.2) [174]

3 p.m. 75th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [41]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/55/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/639)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47, A/55/L.48)

## Committees

### SECOND COMMITTEE

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|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m. | 38th meeting | Conference Room 2 |
| 3 p.m. | 39th meeting | Conference Room 2 |

### FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 33rd meeting | Conference Room 3 |
| Morning* | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

* Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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| 3 p.m.* | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 3 |
| 7 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

### JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

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| 10 a.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 6 |
| 3 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 6 |

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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|---|---|---|
| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

*International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People*

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting on Wednesday, 29 November 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3350 at United Nations Headquarters.

*Exhibit*

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Wednesday, 29 November to Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 November 2000, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

*Screening of films*

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two films entitled "Behind the Walls" and "Despite the Odds". Both films will be shown on Wednesday, 29 November 2000, at 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber and at the exhibit area, throughout the duration of the exhibit.

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The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rule of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

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**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and racial discrimination. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 7 December 2000.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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**United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa**

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

*List of speakers*

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open until Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

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There will be a closed meeting of the African Group of the Whole on Thursday, 30 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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**Meeting of co-sponsors**

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution on agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, on Wednesday, 29 November 2000, from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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**Workshop**

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the second session in the annual series entitled "Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development". This session will focus on "Public-Private partnership for Infrastructure Development". The workshop to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 29 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

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**Panel discussion**

There will be a panel discussion on the "Human Rights Balance Sheet 2000", organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 11.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of the panel will include H.E. Sr. Juan Gabriel Valdés, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations; Mrs. Elissavet Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; and Mr. Malcolm Smart, Programme Director, Human Rights Watch. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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**Workshop**

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000 , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 7 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

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There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH), and the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Operations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

*Monday, 27 November 2000*

## SECURITY COUNCIL

4233rd (private) meeting

*The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question*

*Letter dated 22 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/1111)*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4233rd meeting, held in private on 27 November 2000, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question".

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the Security Council met with the Ministerial Committee of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

"The members of the council and the Ministerial Committee had a constructive discussion."

4234th (private) meeting

*The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4234th meeting, held in private on 27 November 2000, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question".

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President extended an invitation to the representative of Israel in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The members of the council and the representative of Israel had a constructive discussion."

4235th meeting

*The situation in the Middle East*

*Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/2000/1103)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2000/1124, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2000/1124).

*Decision: The draft resolution (S/2000/1124) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1328 (2000).*

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2000/36).

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Fifty-fifth session

71st plenary meeting

*Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies* [39]

*(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/489, A/55/520)*

*(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.32/Rev.1)*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 39.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.32/Rev.1 (resolution 55/43).

The representative of Poland (also on behalf of Chile, the Czech Republic, India, Mali, the Republic of Korea, Portugal and the United States) made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 39.

*Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance* [20]

*(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations:*

*(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/82, A/55/494, A/55/637)*

*(ii) Draft resolution (A/55/L.38)*

*(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:*

*(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/90, A/55/92, A/55/123, A/55/124, A/55/125, A/55/212, A/55/317, A/55/319, A/55/333, A/55/347, A/55/415, A/55/416, A/55/418, A/55/620)*

*(ii) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.16, A/55/L.35, A/55/L.36, A/55/L.41)*

*(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/137)*

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 20.

The representative of Tajikistan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.41.

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/55/L.16.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Canada, Venezuela, Norway, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Mexico, Pakistan, South Africa, Bangladesh, Japan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation and India.

*Programme of work*

The General Assembly was informed that sub-item (d) of agenda item 20 (Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan) would be considered together with agenda item 46 (The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security) at a later date.

72nd plenary meeting

*Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance* [20]

*(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations:*

*(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/82, A/55/494, A/55/637)*

*(ii) Draft resolution (A/55/L.38)*

*(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:*

*(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/90, A/55/92, A/55/123, A/55/124, A/55/125, A/55/212, A/55/317, A/55/319, A/55/333, A/55/347, A/55/415, A/55/416, A/55/418, A/55/620)*

*(ii) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.16, A/55/L.35, A/55/L.36, A/55/L.41)*

*(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/137)*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 20.

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, Ukraine, Egypt, China, the Republic of Korea, Papua New Guinea (also on behalf of Australia, Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu), Argentina and Madagascar.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 71st plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

The representative of Israel made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The observer of Palestine made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Under sub-item (b) of agenda item 20, the Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/55/L.16 (resolution 55/44) and A/55/L.41 (resolution 55/45).

The Assembly was informed that action on draft resolutions A/55/L.35, A/55/L.36 and A/55/L.38 would be taken at a later date. The Assembly was also informed that additional draft resolutions would also be submitted under this item.

## Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 37th meeting

*Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of Developing Countries and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade* [94 (a)]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.39*

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

*Additional sponsors*

A/C.2/55/L.19: Burkina Faso; A/C.2/55/L.24: Armenia, Belarus, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Israel, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Philippines, Russian Federation.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

*Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001* [117]

*Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations*

The Secretary-General addressed the Committee in connection with the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations and other related reports (A/55/305, A/55/502 and A/55/507 and Add.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Cyprus, Malta and Liechtenstein), Norway, Canada, the Republic of Korea, the United States, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Lithuania and Cuba.

The Chairman, at the request of the Group of 77 to address the Committee on the subject at a later date, informed the Committee that the Group of 77 and any other delegations, may be invited to do so on Wednesday, 29 November, in the morning, but that the Committee would revert to the consideration of the reports related to the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations at a later stage upon receipt of the relevant report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

*Organization of work*

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
Sixth session 24th meeting

The Chairman of the Preparatory Commission, H.E. Mr. Philippe Kirsch (Canada), declared open the sixth session of the Preparatory Commission.

The representatives of South Africa, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Arab Emirates, Germany, Spain and Cameroon spoke.

The Secretary made a statement.

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL INTERGOVERNMENTAL EVENT ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT
Resumed first substantive session 14th meeting

*Preparations for the substantive preparatory process and the high-level international intergovernmental event* [2]

*Action on draft decision A/AC.257/L.4/Rev.1*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The facilitator, Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), made a statement in connection with the revised draft decision, as contained in document A/AC.257/L.4/Rev.1, and orally corrected the text.

The Committee was reminded of the oral statement from the Controller read out by the Secretary of the Committee in connection with the revised draft decision.

The Committee adopted the revised draft decision, as orally corrected.

*Draft provisional agenda for the second substantive session*

The Committee had before it a draft provisional agenda for the second substantive session (in English only).

Following statements by the representatives of Kenya, the Sudan, Cuba, France (on behalf of the European Union) and Chile, as well as a response by the Executive Coordinator of the Financing for Development Secretariat, the Committee approved the draft provisional agenda for the second substantive session, as orally corrected.

*Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee* [3]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and the Rapporteur presented the report of the Preparatory Committee on its organizational and first substantive session contained in documents A/AC.257/L.3 and Add.1.

The representative of Saint Lucia made a statement.

The Committee adopted the report of the Preparatory Committee and authorized the Rapporteur, in close cooperation with the other members of the Bureau and the Secretariat to finalize the report, incorporating the proceedings of the day.

The Co-Chairman, H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark), made a concluding statement and declared closed the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee.

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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

### International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2000

74th (closed) meeting

*Consideration of State party reports* [6]

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on the third periodic report of Portugal (E/1994/104/Add.20).

The Committee then considered the concluding observations on the fourth periodic report of Finland (E/C.12/4/Add.1).

75th meeting

*Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights* [3]

The Committee heard a presentation by the World Conference on Racism team on the preparations for the World Conference.

Mr. Kenneth Rattray, member of the Committee, then briefed the Committee on his participation at a regional expert meeting held in preparation for the World Conference.

*Consideration of State party reports* [6]

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on Finland (E/C.12/4/Add.1) in closed session.

MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2000

76th and 77th meetings

*Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights* [3]

The Committee held a day of general discussion on Article 15.1 (c) of the Covenant.

# SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

## [MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992*

*Acceptance:* Bangladesh (27 November 2000)*

*Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998*

*Signature:* United Arab Emirates (27 November 2000)

*Ratification:* South Africa (27 November 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

*Annex XIII - International Finance Corporation (IFC) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Washington, 2 April 1959*

*Application:* Norway (22 November 2000)*

*Annex XIV - International Development Association (IDA) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Washington, 13 February 1962*

*Application:* Norway (22 November 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

*Annex XV - World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Geneva, 4 October 1977*

*Application:* Norway (22 November 2000)*

*Annex XVI - International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Rome, 16 December 1977*

*Application:* Norway (22 November 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

*Annex XVII - United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) - to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies. Vienna, 3 July 1987*

*Application:* Norway (22 November 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Global Launch of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-agency Appeals for 2001, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will be held *today*, 28 November 2000, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The Secretary-General will lead the launch. The speakers will include Ms. Liv Ullmann, Honorary Chair for the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children; H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly; Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of UNIFEM; Ms. Binta Mansaray, Sierra Leone; and Ms. Habiba Dalil, Afghanistan. The meeting will be chaired by Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Emergency Relief Coordinator, a.i. The theme of this year's launch is "Women and War".

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**World AIDS Day**

In observance of World AIDS Day, a special event, organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), will take place on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. In keeping with the theme "AIDS: Men Make a Difference", designated by UNAIDS for its World AIDS Campaign, there will be a discussion on changes in male attitudes and behaviours that could halt the spread of AIDS. The event, moderated by Riz Khan, CNN International, is co-sponsored by the Department of Information, UNAIDS, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and LoveLife/The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Mr. Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, will open the programme. H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, and Mr. Elhadj Sy, Representative, UNAIDS Liaison Office in New York, will deliver opening remarks. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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